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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, EAID, BG, US  
SUBJECT: ADMIRAL KHAN'E MEETING WITH UNDERSECRETARY HABIB

REF: STATE 117990

1. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE REFTEL REPORTING  
ON ADMIRAL KHAN'S TALK WITH UNDERSECRETARY HABIB AND  
WANT TO UNDERSCORE THE POINT WHICH WAS MADE DURING  
THAT MEETING ABOUT BANGLADESH'S FOODGRAIN STOCK LEVEL.  
TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE HERE, THERE IS NO  
CONSENSUS AMONG DONORS THAT BANGLADESH SHOULD HAVE  
STOCKS OF 900,000 TO ONE MILLION TONS. MOST CERTAINLY  
A MAJORITY OF THE DONORS AGREE THAT THE BDG SHOULD NOT  
REPEAT NOT HAVE ANYWHERE NEAR THIS LEVEL AT THE END OF THE  
CALENDAR YEAR. KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIALS IN THE BANGLADESH  
AGRICULTURAL MINISTRY AND ELSEWHERE AGREE THAT A YEAR END  
STOCK LEVEL OF ABOUT 500,000 TONS WOULD BE COMFORTABLE  
AND WOULD LEAVE ADEQUATE ROOM FOR STORAGE SPACE  
AN EFFECTIVE DOMESTIC PROCUREMENT DRIVE OF AN ADDITIONAL  
500,000 TONS.

2. I SUGGEST IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH KHAN WE  
STRESS THE POINT THAT FIGURES PROVIDED BY THE MINISTRY  
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OF FOOD AND THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM INDICATE THAT FOODGRAIN  
LEVEL AT THE END OF DECEMBER WILL BE ABOVE 500,000 TONS. THIS  
IS ADEQUATE TO MEET NORMAL CONTINGENCIES AND WILL PERMIT A  
VIGOROUS PROCUREMENT DRIVE THIS FALL AND WINTER WHICH WILL HAVE A  
BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON DOMESTIC PRODUCTION.

3. YOU MIGHT ALSO REITERATE TO ADMIRAL KHAN, AS I HAVE

TOLD PRESIDENT ZIA AND ALL OTHER TOP BDG OFFICIALS, THAT  
WE WILL KEEP THE FOODGRAIN SITUATION IN BANGLADESH  
UNDER CLOSE STUDY AND WILL ASSIST TO THE UTMOST OF OUR  
ABILITY IF THE NATION SHOULD SUFFER A NATURAL DISASTER  
OR SERIOUS CROP FAILURE. GIVEN PRESENT FOODGRAIN  
STOCK LEVELS AND SHIPMENTS ALREADY IN THE PIPELINE,  
THERE WOULD BE ADEQUATE TIME, IF SUCH A DISASTER SHOULD  
STRIKE, FOR US TO PROGRAM ADDITIONAL FOODGRAIN SHIPMENTS FOR  
ARRIVAL LATE THIS CALENDAR YEAR WHEN IT WOULD ACTUALLY BE  
REQUIRED.  
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